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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not the inability of the Government to place raw materials at the disposal of the factories that is the cause of a kind of discouragement to these factories who manufacture these implements? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not the inability of this Government, Sir. It is a question of the raw materials not being available. We have been able to distribute as much as is set apart for this Province by the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have these firms asked for permission to import iron and steel from abroad and will this Government assist them in getting the import licences? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" They have asked for it and the other party with regard to the providing of these is the Government of India."

Rules regarding the admission of students into Engineering Colleges.

* 206 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the rules governing admission of students into Engineering Colleges have been altered and if so, what the altered rules are;

(b) whether admission is regulated by communal ratio and if so, what the proportion of seats allotted to each community is;

(c) whether the seats have been allotted districtwar based on population, and if so, what the number of seats allotted to each district is;

(d) whether the production of nativity certificate is still insisted upon;

(e) whether any change has been made in the rules relating to the nativity certificate and if so, in what respects and what the revised form of nativity certificate is;

(f) what the number of seats available in each Engineering College is and how they are distributed;

(g) whether all or any of the students from the Ceded Districts reading in other Engineering Colleges have been transferred to Guindy College; and

(h) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement giving number of students (districtwar) admitted into each of the Engineering Colleges?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" (a), (b), (d) & (e) Copies[a] of G.Os. No. 1364, Education, dated 27th June 1947, No. 1466,

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 307–313 infra.

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P.H., dated 13th May 1946 and No. 2113, P.H., dated 12th June 1947, are placed on the table of the House.

"(e) Seats have been allotted districtwar based on population —vide statement placed on the table of the House.

"(f) & (h) Statements giving the information required are placed on the table of the House.

"(g) No student from the Ceded Districts reading in any of the Engineering Colleges has been transferred to the College of Engineering, Guindy. However, 15 students of the Anantapur College who were allotted in to the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, last year, have now been transferred to the College now at Guindy. All these 15 students are not from the Ceded Districts as the Anantapur college has students from other areas also."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—"Does not the instruction (*d*) at page 4 of printed answer go against the principle contained in the nativity certificate printed on page 3? The instruction that I refer to is 'the district in which the candidate or his parents resided at the time of applying for admission to the college, may be taken as the district to which the candidate belongs, etc., etc.' Suppose some Tamilian from the Tinnevelly district is serving in the district of Bellary and if for the purpose of admission the candidate's district is taken to be Bellary does it not affect the interests of the Bellary district?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"The idea of fixing admission on a districtwar basis was to give representation and opportunities to the various districts. While this was given effect to care should be taken also to see that the linguistic proportion was not disturbed."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—"Is that instruction not against the principle of the nativity certificate No. 2 printed on page 3 of the answer?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"That may be so, Sir. Anyhow the idea of the Government was that every district must have representation."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"In allocating seats districtwar did not the Government take into account the backwardness of the area and allot more seats?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"That would depend on the availability of students. Even for the seats allotted they have not been able to get sufficient number of students from those districts."

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*207 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 35 answered on the 19th September 1947,